

Joseph Hill Wise (19.. – 1943)

Joseph H. Wise was born in Mississippi and moved to the San Diego area in 1923. He attended school here. He is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wise of Chula Vista, CA.

Seaman First Class (E3) Joseph Wise died in 1943 in a Japanese Prisoner of War (POW) Camp in the Philippine Islands during WWII. He had been interned at Bilibid Prison, near Manila.

S1C Wise was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, the Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Asiatic-Pacific Defense Ribbon.

His Obituary appears in the San Diego Union newspaper dated March 12, 1950. He was also awarded the Purple Heart. There is a street in Chula Vista named in his honor.

